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SUBJECT: REPUTED POLITICAL PRISONERS IN EAST TIMOR

REF: STATE 231603

1. NEITHER WE NOR THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE ANY INFORMATION TO SUPPORT REPORT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN EAST TIMOR MENTIONED IN REFTEL. THIS IS THE FIRST ALLEGATION OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD IN EAST TIMOR. EVEN THOSE MOST CRITICAL OF INDONESIAN CONDUCT THERE HAVE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NOT MADE SUCH CHARGES IN THE PAST.

2. IT IS TRUE THAT THE INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES ARE DETAINING FORMER PARTICIPANTS IN THE FRETELIN INSURGENCY ABOVE THE RANK OF CORPORAL WHEN THEY ARE CAPTURED OR SURRENDER. CONCEIVABLY THIS COULD AMOUNT TO AS MANY AS A HUNDRED PERSONS BUT CERTAINLY NOT TO "HUNDREDS OR THOUSANDS." IN ANY CASE IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THESE SHOULD NOT BE CLASSIFIED AS POLITICAL PRISONERS SINCE THEY WERE PARTICIPANTS IN MILITARY OPERATIONS.
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